

Here, then, we glimpse another point which bears upon early education.

2. The survey of the rivalry felt towards other children thus leads us to the primary relation of the child to his parents, and opens up the second type of rivalry situation, that felt towards one adult (or older child functioning as an adult) for the love and possession of another. But this is a situation which for its full understanding needs consideration in the sexual as well as the social field, and I shall be able to deal with it more justly after surveying the material classified under *Sexuality*. For the moment I will glance only briefly at its more general significances.

Frank, Dan and Penelope all offer us the most striking examples of this sense of rivalry with an adult (usually of the same sex). The degree of Frank's sensitiveness to the presence of adult rivals was most striking. Whenever Dan's father entered the school, for instance, Frank changed in a moment from active gaiety to sulky destructiveness. Penelope, too, seemed rarely able to be loving both to a man friend and a woman friend at the same time. Nor did Dan, throughout the first year of the school, find himself able to love both Mrs. I. and her assistant at once. If he was loving to the one, he was hostile to the other. It was felt to be a great step forward in development when he could be friendly to both together. Many of the children quoted from other sources demonstrate this type of rivalry unmistakably, too. N.'s anxiety for the safety of her mother is hardly to be understood save in terms of an unconscious hostile wish for her mother's death, a wish that was expressed in many half-veiled forms. "If you would go away, I could cut my hair as I liked." (N. was at this time specially defiant and hostile with her mother.) Ursula

also gives
us many glimpses of her wish to replace her
mother in her
father's affections, and to be herself the mother
of the new
baby, in spite of her real personal devotion to
her mother.
At other times she seemed to want to exclude
her father
from the realm of her mother's attention.

Leaving on one side for the moment the
question of sexual
preference, it can be said of little children in
general that they
tend to be jealous and afraid of the relationship
between their
parents—or indeed between any *significant*
adults. And
when one young child is present with the two
parents (or